

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2003 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. B. Brown, E. A. Cowling, M. Craik, Ms. T. Kenny,
D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: WPC Judith McPherson
Three members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Ward Member)

03/181 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present and invited all to remain at the end of the official proceedings to join him in celebrating the season with wine and mince pies.

03/182 Police Session

WPC McPherson reported on some issues which had been previously raised. Commented upon her ability to give detailed information and the restrictions placed upon her by the Data Protection Act. Gave details of calls and responses to incidents arising from residents of local care homes.

The Chairman asked WPC McPherson to present a statistical report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members discussed local concerns over the perception of crime in the area. Cllr. Brown reminded the meeting of the effectiveness of the role of Beat Manager since WPC McPherson took on the role and asked that the Parish Council considered its role stating that the PC was not an enforcement agency.

Cllr. Craik replied that it was the role of Parish Councils to keep the electorate informed and to reflect their concerns.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Craik to liaise with WPC McPherson to put together a programme of reporting which would be suitable.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage stated that she would like to see greater use made of the newsletter in reporting police matters and concerns.

The Chairman referred to his report of a meeting held with the police at Admaston House and asked for comments – there were none.

There being no remaining police business to discuss, WPC McPherson was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 7.58 p.m.

The Chairman, with the permission of the meeting, brought forward item 6c, Co-option of Member, to be considered as the next item of business.

03/183 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor (co-option)

The Clerk reported that (in the matter of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. Watts) there had been one application for co-option, that of Mr. Charles Carver. It was proposed by Cllr. Rawlings and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage that Mr. Charles Carver be co-opted as a Member of Wrockwardine Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** that Mr. Charles Carver be co-opted as a Member of Wrockwardine Parish Council.

Cllr. Carver signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.
The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Carver on behalf of all.

03/184 Apologies for Absence

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Cllr.)

03/185 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Rawlings informed the meeting that there may be a planning application in which he had an interest presented to the meeting and if such was the case, he would withdraw and take no part in the proceedings for that application.

Cllr. Craik informed the meeting that he now acted as legal adviser to Admaston House Trust. The Chairman explained to Cllr. Craik the dispensation granted by Council which would allow Cllr. Craik to speak but not to vote on any matter relating to the Trust except those relating to finances and expenditure by the Council where he would be expected to remove himself for the duration of the discussion and take no part in any vote.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report relating to Tree Preservation Orders at Admaston House.

03/186 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

03/187 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

a) Resignation

The meeting was informed of the resignation of Mr. Alan Orrell from the office of Parish Councillor.

It was formally announced that a vacancy had occurred in the office of Parish Councillor, by reason of resignation and that any ten electors of the Parish

requesting an election, should do so in writing to M. Frater Esq., Returning Officer, Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council, Malinslee House, Telford, within 14 days of the formal notice which would be posted by the Clerk on the day following this announcement. If no such request is received, the Parish Council will take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy within a period of 60 days from the date of the notice.

b) To deal with the effects of the resignation

i) Election of Vice Chairman

There now being a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman, the Chairman asked for nominations. Cllr. Powell proposed Cllr. Rawlings. Seconded by Cllr. Brown, there being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Rawlings be elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

ii) Transport Consultation Committee

There now being a vacancy in the office of Member of the TCC the Chairman asked for nominations. Cllr. Rawlings proposed Cllr. Craik. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling, there being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Craik be elected to serve as Member of the Transport Consultation Committee.

The Chairman gave special thanks to Mr. Orrell (who was present as an observer) stating that Council owed him an enormous debt of gratitude. Mr. Orrell was thanked for his expertise and drive in matters of Traffic problems within the parish and area and for his guidance and assistance in matters relating to budgets and finance. A vote of thanks was given unanimously to Mr. Orrell for his invaluable assistance and work during his office.

03/188 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Clerk reminded the meeting that there were matters outstanding, including a review of Standing Orders which had been delegated to such a committee and urged Members to consider electing an additional member to the committee so that work could begin. Cllr. Carver volunteered to serve on the committee and was duly elected.

03/189 Parish Charter

Members agreed to study the Charter and place the matter on a future agenda when Katrina Baker (Member Services Officer of the Borough) could attend to answer any questions.

03/190 Directional Finger Posts

Cllr. Brown gave a brief report stating that there were approx. 30 to 40 posts in the Parish and that he had contacted the makers of a typical metal finger post and ascertained the costs.

The cost of the finial with a crown and location name would be approx. £120 Each arm would cost approx. £40 to £50 and each post approx. £48.

Members discussed the financing of the project. The Chairman proposed that

prior to any commitment being made to proceed, Cllr. Brown should contact the Highways Dept. of the Borough to see if there were any funding options and also clarify from the manufacturer any installation costs. This was agreed.

03/191 Traffic and Transport Matters

Members received the report prepared by Cllr. Orrell on the meeting of the Transport Consultation Committee and Mr. Roderick.

Members discussed a recent press article relating to the use of beat by-products being used to produce a substitute for road fuel. It was generally felt that the proposals would inevitably lead to an increase in traffic to and from the beat factory. The meeting agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman and Clerk to delve more deeply into the proposals with the beat factory and to use any information gained to find a more permanent solution to the road problem.

The Chairman raised the matter of Cllr. Orrell's resignation in relation to representation on the NTPPP. Cllr. Rawlings stated that as additional Member of NTPPP he had up until the present time taken a less than active role because most of the matters being dealt with had involved his own land. However as most of these issues were practically resolved, he agreed to represent Council at future meetings of the group PROVIDED Council accepted that as a land owner, there may occasionally be times when he would be required to stand aside. The meeting thanked Cllr. Rawlings.

03/192 Admaston House Report from Parish Representative

There being no Parish Representative, there was no report. The Chairman asked for a volunteer – no one volunteered.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report on behalf of the Trust and stated that he had suggested they might consider sending a copy of their minutes to the Clerk for copying and forwarding to Members of Council.

Members discussed issues relating to parking and security.

03/193 Vital Villages

There was nothing to report. Members discussed contributions to the Parish Magazine.

03/194 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council
Michael Barker Local Plan delays - noted

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Wroxeter & Uppington PC Ownership and responsibility for one of the bus shelters at Bluebell Cross Roads. Members agreed

that the shelter in question was outwith the Parish and the Clerk was to respond accordingly.

NTPPP

Minutes and agenda. Noted.

03/195 Planning Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted the Borough Planning Enforcement Officer following concerns that the Wimpey Development at Bratton Road was now using land at Bratton Farm as an unofficial storage depot. The Enforcement Officer had stated that she had received two other complaints/concerns and had asked Wimpey to submit a planning application for the site. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough to ascertain if consideration had been given to the use of a Stop Notice under its powers.

Members considered the following applications:

W03/1317 Erection of 2 dwellings (outline) Land off Bratton Road/Cheshire Coppice Lane. There were no objections.

W03/1332 Erection of 3 billboard signs land adjacent to A5 Burcot Gate Wrockwardine.

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest in the above in his Capacity as Chairman of the local CPRE branch.

Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair for this matter and Cllr. Ballantyne took no part Cllr. Mrs. Savage and Mr. Carver also declared an interest and took no part in The debate.

Members agreed that the boards would be a visual intrusion in the open countryside, provide unwanted clutter and be a distraction to users of the highway.

W03/1394 Alteration to main entrance and erection of extension Bratton C of E Primary School Squirell Meadow Bratton. There were no objections.

W03/1339 Pruning of 1 hornbeam 2 Donnerville Hall Donnerville Drive

The following approvals were noted:

Confirmation of TPO Admaston House

W03/1161 First floor bedroom extension to rear 1 Elmsdale Crescent Admaston

W03/1224 Erection of conservatory sun room to side of Whitefields Charlton

03/196 Accounts for Payment

Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.

Statement 123 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Chairman and two Members of Council signed the warrant for the Precept.

03/197 Reports

- Cllr. Cowling - Reported the concerns of local Admaston shopkeepers over the condition of the road. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Mr. Roderick at a recent meeting with the Transport Group had informed them that the work was imminent ! The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Roderick of the lack of signs at Whiteways Drive.
- Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported that bricks had been dislodged from the bridge over the stream (Wrockwardine to Wellington). Sign still lying in the ditch at bottom of Drummery Lane.
- Cllr. Carver - Reported concerns over the sign on the road joining the old A5 – visibility. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Borough had been made aware of this danger on more than one occasion (also by Wroxeter & Uppington PC) but had failed to take note.
- Cllr. Craik - Gave a report on his attendance at Partnership Meeting with Parishes concerning Community Support Officers. The Clerk was asked to copy the report and circulate it to members.
- Cllr. Rawlings - Concerns over the placing of grit bins – Clerk and Cllr. Rawlings to liaise.

The Chairman invited Cllr. Blackwell to give a report:

Cllr. Blackwell gave a brief progress report on the introduction of the green bin initiative and answered members questions.

03/198 Press Statement

There was to be no press statement.

03/199 Next Meeting

The Chairman wished all present a very happy Christmas and reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 14th January 2004 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.33 p.m.

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